

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ON THE ARTS (COTA) SPECIAL GRANTS FOR FALL 2013

BACKGROUND:

On June 3, 2013, the Commission on the Arts members met to finalize recommendations for Fall 2013 Special Grants. A total of 3 grant requests were received, from 2 different organizations. The organizations requested \$2,250 in funding, with \$3,500 being available from the 2013/14 budget for Fall and Spring Special Grants.

Based on the merits of each application and the criteria established for the special grants, COTA recommended the following allocations, which were then sent to the organizations in contract form in June. The contracts are now being presented for your approval.

COTA FALL 2013-2014 SPECIAL GRANT REQUESTS

Organization	Request	Project	COTA Recommendation
Co'Motion Dance	\$750	Original Dance w/ Technology	\$620
Octagon	\$750	Feinberg Mask Display	\$610
Octagon	\$750	Portrait Studio	\$720
Totals	\$2,250		\$1,950

The Commission takes seriously its charge to be certain of how the proposal for funding will be completed and be certain that it is understood how the public is benefitted. If the Fall 2013 Special Grants are approved for \$1,950, there will be \$1,550 remaining for Spring 2014 Special Grants.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve \$1,950 for special grant contracts to the Octagon (\$1,330) and to Co'Motion Dance (\$620) as recommended above by Commission On The Arts.
2. The City Council can hold these contracts and ask the Commission for further information.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 and approve the Fall 2013 special grant contracts as recommended above by the Commission On The Arts.